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SUBJECT: PNP EXECUTIVE MEETS THIS WEEKEND

1. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 25/26 AT OCHO RIOS. NO AGENDA HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BUT THE SUBJECTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION ARE EXTENSIVE. THEY INCLUDE:
-- JAMAICA'S WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND THE INABILITY TO DATE OF THE IMF AND PROSPECTIVE DONOR COUNTRIES TO COMMIT FUNDS TO JAMAICA'S SUCCOR;
-- UNLESS SETTLED, THE CRIPPLING REFINERY STRIKE;
-- THE WORSENING INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION (KINGSTON 3261);
-- THE BREACH WITH THE NATIONAL WORKERS UNION (NWU), THE PNP'S LABOR FRONT (KINGSTON'S A-49 OF JUNE 24);
-- THE REPORTED OUSTER BY THE PNP YOUTH

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ORGANIZATION OF ITS CHAIRMAN, SENATOR SEFTON JOHNSON; AND
-- THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE DEATH OF WORKS MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY OGILVIE (KINGSTON 3261) WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY INCLUDE REVELATIONS OF MISDOINGS BY PROMINENT PNP MEMBERS.

2. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE EXECUTIVE COULD PICK UP THE AGENDA IT HAD BEEN OPERATING FROM EARLIER--IT WAS LAST STRUGGLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF "LIFE STYLE" FOR PNP MEMBERS-- WE THINK THAT THE ISSUES LISTED ABOVE ARE OF SUCH PRESSING CHARACTER AS TO PUSH ASIDE MORE MINOR MATTERS. CONCEIVABLY, THE IMPACT OF THE REFINERY STRIKE WILL PREVENT THE MEETING BEING HELD. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THAT MAY BE JUST AS WELL. WE REMEMBER WELL THE MARCH 26/27 SESSION AT OCHO RIOS WHEN THE PNP "MODERATES" ELBOWED ASIDE THEIR "RADICAL" COLLEAGUES, IN PART AS A RESULT OF THE "RADICALS" FAILURE TO FIND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMECON COUNTRIES. IT COULD NOW BE THE TURN OF THE "RADICALS" TO QUESTION THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE "MODERATES" IN MARSHALLING ASSISTANCE FOR JAMAICA.
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